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## CLAIMS

- A method of forming a conductive pattern, comprising the steps of:
- (1a) applying a positive, energy-sensitive paste
  5 composition containing a conductive powder to a substrate,
  followed by drying, to form a positive, energy-sensitive
  coating;
  - (2a) irradiating the coating with active energy rays or heat rays directly or through a mask so as to obtain a desired pattern; and
  - (3a) removing the irradiated part of the coating by development to form a conductive pattern coating.
  - 2. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the positive, energy-sensitive paste composition is a positive, visible light-sensitive paste composition.
  - 3. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the positive, energy-sensitive paste composition is a positive, ultraviolet-sensitive paste composition.
- 4. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the positive, energy-sensitive paste composition is a positive thermosensitive paste composition.
  - 5. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the positive, energy-sensitive paste composition further contains a heat-fusible inorganic powder and wherein calcination is carried out after Step (3a).

- 6. A method according to Claim 5, wherein the heat-fusible inorganic powder is a glass frit.
- (1b) applying a positive, energy-sensitive paste composition containing a conductive powder to a surface of release film, followed by drying, to form a dry film having a positive, energy-sensitive layer;
- (2b) superimposing the dry film onto a substrate in such a 10 manner that the surface of the positive, energy-sensitive layer is in contact with the substrate, to form a positive, energy-sensitive coating, and then peeling off the release film;
- (3b) irradiating the coating with active energy rays or 15 heat rays directly or through a mask so as to obtain a desired pattern; and
  - (4b) removing the irradiated part of the coating by development to form a conductive pattern coating.
- 8. A method according to Claim 7, wherein the positive, energy-sensitive paste composition is a positive, visible light-sensitive paste composition.
  - 9. A method according to Claim 7, wherein the positive, energy-sensitive paste composition is a positive, ultraviolet-sensitive paste composition.
- 25 10. A method according to Claim 7, wherein the

positive, energy-sensitive paste composition is a positive thermosensitive paste composition.

- 11. A method according to Claim 7, wherein the positive, energy-sensitive paste composition further contains a heat-fusible inorganic powder and wherein calcination is carried out after Step (4b).
- 12. A method according to Claim 11, wherein the heat-fusible inorganic powder is a glass frit.
- 13. A method of forming a conductive pattern,10 comprising the steps of:
- (1c) applying a positive, energy-sensitive paste composition containing a conductive powder to a surface of release film, followed by drying, to form a dry film

having a positive, energy-sensitive layer;

- (2c) superimposing the dry film onto a substrate in such a manner that the surface of the positive, energy-sensitive layer is in contact with the substrate, to form a positive, energy-sensitive coating;
  - (3c) irradiating the coating with active energy rays or
- 20 heat rays through the release film with or without a mask so as to obtain a desired pattern; and
  - (4c) peeling off the release film, and removing the irradiated part of the coating by development to form a conductive pattern coating.
- 25 14. A method according to claim 13, wherein the

positive, energy-sensitive paste composition is a positive, visible light-sensitive paste composition.

- 15. A method according to claim 13, wherein the positive, energy-sensitive paste composition is a positive, ultraviolet-sensitive paste composition.
- 16. A method according to Claim 13, wherein the positive, energy-sensitive paste composition is a positive, thermosensitive paste composition.
- 17. A method according to Claim 13, wherein the positive, energy-sensitive paste composition further contains a heat-fusible inorganic powder and wherein calcination is carried out after Step (4c).
  - 18. A method according to Claim 17, wherein the heat-fusible inorganic powder is a glass frit.

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